

# Biddeford Pool Community Center

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## March / April 2022 Newsletter

The doldrums of Winter - wind, rain, some snow, 50's one day, 20 degrees the next, all brown and blah. Not a great Winter!



However, newspaper headlines continue to read:  
"Positive COVID tests plummet 80% from peak".  
"Covid Cases Fall for third consecutive week; deaths decline."  
Now that's a perkier upper!



### Message from the President

The Board of Trustees voted to close the Center two years ago this month. It was not something we wanted to do, but we felt we had to for your safety. Recently due to the dedication of our fabulous volunteers the Center has opened for limited use. But the volunteers have not limited their efforts solely to reopening the building. Peruse this newsletter to see the classes, programs, and events the volunteers have scheduled for you. Some of the activities you'll come across include writing and drawing classes, a Fun with Poetry program, bridge sessions, lectures related to Maine provided in conjunction with York County Senior College, Earth Day happenings, and a St. Patrick's Day dinner raffle. We may even have another one of those spectacular BPCC nontraditional Easter parades. Let's hope we can continue to move to a more normal BPCC schedule of activities and happenings in the coming months.

In the annual letter that accompanied your membership renewal envelope, I mentioned the three-generation Afghan family relocating to Biddeford and the assistance provided to them by BPCC members. This assistance has taken many forms. In addition to driving family members to medical appointments, adult education classes, labs tests, and appointments with government officials, BPCC members have undertaken both routine and major home improvements to the house all three generations of the family will move into later this month. BPCC members have also provided financial and in-kind support for this family.

Jen and Eddie Fullmer are coordinating the assistance to the family. Here is an excerpt of the update Jen provided:

*Hakim, his wife Shafiq, and his entire family send their sincere thanks to all of you who have provided a warm welcome and who have generously contributed resources and support. The kids are in Biddeford Schools and the whole family is very busy with resettlement appointments. The family has many needs. One of the greatest needs is transportation and we are looking for someone to donate a car. Another great need is rent money for the house where the family will live in. Additionally, they need furniture (including large Persian rugs), gift cards (Amazon & Walmart), and cash is also always needed for the many expenses they are facing as they get on their feet here in the U.S. If you would like to contribute, please contact or send to Jen & Eddie Fullmer, 20 Peter Pond Lane, Biddeford ME 04005, [jenfullmer1@gmail.com](mailto:jenfullmer1@gmail.com), 325-660-8661. If you send a donation, gift card, etc., please include your email address so we can keep you updated. Many thanks!*

In closing I urge you to look at the BPCC offerings and consider not only participating but also lending a hand to the volunteers and to our new Afghan friends.

# St. Patrick's Day Dinner Raffle

**3 Drawings for 3 winners!**

**Corned Beef Dinner for 2-6 people**



Corned Beef  
Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, and Beans  
Irish Soda Bread  
Apple Crisp w/ Ice Cream

**When?** Choice of March 17<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> delivery

**Where?** Delivered to your home within 5 mi. of BPCC

**Or** Pick-up at 1 Bayview Ave, B.P.

**Who?** Prepared by fully vaxed Functions Members

**How?** Fill out 1, 2, or 3 raffle tickets below

Tickets are \$12 each, or 3 for \$30

Mail ticket/s with check to (BPCC) **A.S.A.P.** to:

St. Patrick's Day Raffle

P.O. Box 199, Biddeford Pool, ME. 04006

Short of time? Call Elaine Robinson @ 207-283-1398



*B.P.C.C. Board Members will Draw Winning Ticket 3/15/22*

Name:	Name:	Name:
Contact#:	Contact#:	Contact#:
Email:	Email:	Email:

## Quotes from last year's winners:

Adrienne LaVallee, "The luck of the Irish was with us when we won this scrumptious dinner."

Tom Pierpan, "Best corned beef & cabbage I've ever had (including my mother's). We enjoyed immensely!"



## Everything You Wanted to Know about Salt Marshes



With Steve Podsiadlo of Y.C.S.C. (York County Senior College)

**Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 11:00am on Zoom**

Steve is docent at the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve at Laudholm, leading programs related to the salt marsh and seashore. This presentation will cover salt marsh formation, vegetation, and the threats they face from a changing climate.

To participate contact Eve [eve@maine.rr.com](mailto:eve@maine.rr.com) by 3/28

A Zoom link will be sent to all who respond.

# 'A Different Kind of Trash Talk'

**Friday, April 22<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm**

An award winning documentary by CC member, Patricia Burke featuring Joe, a neighbor eagerly determined to stir awareness to the seriousness of trash and pollution! This will be a Zoom presentation, unless safe to be inside, followed by Q & A with Patricia and possibly Joe. To participate contact Zoom Host, Patricia Burke @ [pab@patriciaburke.com](mailto:pab@patriciaburke.com)



## EARTH DAY AREA CLEAN-UP

Joint effort by BPCC, BPIA, and FRA

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Joe and Patricia (from the film *A Different Kind of Trash Talk* See Friday, April 22 in the BPCC calendar) will be there with the TAP Trash Talk cart to answer questions about Joe's litter collection initiative and participate in the cleanup.

**8:30am** - Coffee and Donuts - outside or in!

Sign up for one of the 7 Clean-up Areas

**9:00am** - Head Out!

Dress appropriately - gloves & boots!

Bring a reaching tool - we have a few.

Trash bags will be distributed and collected when full.

**11:00am** - Chowder, Sandwiches, and Cookies (at Center or 'To Go')

Hope to see you there!!

*Artists by the Sea*

Biddeford Pool Community Center

**"Winter Kaleidoskope"**

Please join local artists for a showcase of winter themed art pieces. The show will be hosted virtually at [artistsbythesea.net](http://artistsbythesea.net) beginning on March 15, 2022, and will run through mid-summer. We will continue to update the site as new pieces become available.

A percentage of all sales from the show will be donated to the Biddeford Pool Community Center



**DROP-IN BRIDGE** continues on Mondays, 1 - 4 pm, at the Center.

All levels are welcome, and a dollar donation is appreciated.

If you would like to play on Mondays, please contact Carol ([cjobmaine@gmail.com](mailto:cjobmaine@gmail.com)) or Debbie ([burnsmelican@gmail.com](mailto:burnsmelican@gmail.com)).

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** will resume on Friday, 3/4. Please contact Carol if you would like to play.

FYI, everyone must show proof of vaccination the first time that they play.

# Creative Studio

## **“FUN with POETRY”**

A reading of light verse from serious poets  
with Ben Pratt

two Tuesdays, **March 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

**2:30 – 4:00pm**

On Zoom

Donation \$10 per session

Reply to Diane Noble [dbmn27@maine.rr.com](mailto:dbmn27@maine.rr.com)



## **DRAWING GROUP** w/Diane Noble

Drawing sessions will continue in March and April

**Thursdays March 17 & 31; April 14 & 28**

**10:00am – 12noon**



We will be drawing Still Lifes inside,  
then outside when weather warms

Bring your choice of drawing supplies

Paper/sketchpad, pencils, black pens, colored pencils your choice

No experience necessary

Limit 12 participants

Donation \$10. Per session

R.S.V.P. to Diane. [dbmn27@maine.rr.com](mailto:dbmn27@maine.rr.com)

## **CREATIVE WRITING GROUP**



We will be meeting again to write on Monday mornings. We will start by sharing our writings on Zoom that Patricia Burke will set up for us. A prompt will be given out the day before on Sunday, you write based on the prompt, then

**Monday at 10:00am** we read our writings and give feedback to one another on Zoom. We will hope that we might be able to meet inside at some point.

No experience necessary, just a chance to write and share. You respond to whatever comes into you're your head after reading the Prompt. You never know where your mind will take you, serious or comical. Examples of Prompts we have had are: *My Special Place*; *What If...*, *What's in the Bag?*, *It was that Time of Year When...?*

If you are interested in joining in, contact Diane Noble [dbmn27@maine.rr.com](mailto:dbmn27@maine.rr.com)

**Dates: Mondays: March 14 & 28; April 11 & 25.** Donation accepted to BPCC.



## **BPCC Board Meetings**

Board meetings being held by Zoom on third Wednesday of each month at 4 pm.

If interested in joining contact Joe Valenza @ [jvidal@gmail.com](mailto:jvidal@gmail.com).

Board Minutes may be found on the website [biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.com](http://biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.com)

Center Rentals and other Requested Center Uses should contact Jim Oleson at  
(508) 641-7768 or [jimoleson57@gmail.com](mailto:jimoleson57@gmail.com).



**May 1, 2022, 4:30 PM**

(If BPCC and COVID restrictions allow)

**BPCHS Presents a LIVE Slide Show and Talk:**

## **Panoramas!**

FINALLY!!! We have been waiting for the opportunity to share these amazing panoramic photos from the "Harborside 1905" Collection on the big screen, and we are crossing our fingers that this will be the time. A few years ago, Richard Levy acquired and donated this amazing collection of panoramic shots of Biddeford Pool, the Saco River, and more. We have shown some of them on Zoom presentations, but they really need to be seen live and large to be appreciated.



### **The Biddeford Pool Community Historical Society**

will host a LIVE slide show and talk on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 4:30 PM. We hope to see you then! Please contact Peter McPheeters-- [peter@oceanviewproperties.net](mailto:peter@oceanviewproperties.net) if you'd like to attend. Seating will be limited, depending on restrictions at the time. A second showing will be arranged if necessary.

## LEISA'S PLACE at BPCC LIBRARY

Happy (almost) Spring! We can hope anyway. In the meanwhile we have some excellent choices for your reading enjoyment at the Library. Over the last few months there have been some great book donations from our community members. Some new publications as well as those that have been in circulation for awhile. Regardless, new or not so new, good reads abound. We are grateful to each of you for your generous donations to our library. The Library is open on Thursday mornings 10-12pm. We would love to have you stop by and browse. In addition, if you have suggestions to add to our "for purchase" list, please leave a note with the librarian.

In previous Newsletters, I have printed an ongoing list of books we would like to add to the shelves here. We've been fortunate to receive several of these. But as anyone who is a reader knows, the options are endless as are individual tastes in what PasPascal one enjoys. Please do not hesitate to offer donations of any of your current favorites. It's a nice opportunity to introduce the patrons to writing they never had previously considered.

See you at the Library !

Here is the list again with some new additions:



Anthony Doerr	Cloud Cuckoo Land
Kate Quinn	The Rose Code
Janet Skeslien Charles	The Paris Library
Ta-Nehisi Coates	The Water Dancer
Isabel Wilkerson	Caste
Isabel Wilkerson	The Warmth of Other Suns
Abi Dare'	The Girl with the Louding Voice
Louise Penny	The Madness of Crowds
Alex Michaelides	The Maidens: a Novel
Alex Michaelides	The Silent Patient
Diana Gabaldon	An Echo in the Bone
Diana Gabaldon	Written in my Own Hearts Blood
Diana Gabaldon	Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone (New)
Paul Doiron	Dead By Dawn
Paul Doiron	One last Lie
Silvia Moreno-Garcia	Mexican Gothic
Pascal Mercier	Night Train to Lisbon



### Joan Beaudry Education Award

**The Joan Beaudry Memorial Scholarship Committee**

**is excited to announce the award recipients for 2021-2022.**

**Please join us in congratulating EmilieLeger (URI) Jayme Martin (UVM) and Griffin May(UMASS Lowell).**

We welcome any undergraduate college students who have ties to the BPCC to apply for the Joan Beaudry Education Award. The scholarship deadline is June 1st every year. The application can be found on the BPCC website. Candidates must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and value leadership, citizenship and community service. Complete eligibility guidelines can be found here: <https://biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org/education-fund/>. If you have any questions, please contact co-chairs Tracy Callahan [gfamily@comcast.net](mailto:gfamily@comcast.net) and Greg Tarbox [gftbox@gmail.com](mailto:gftbox@gmail.com). (Biddeford High School students may apply through their guidance department but can opt to apply through the BPCC if their family are members.)